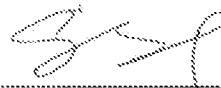


REMARKS

The Examiner's Notice of Non-compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. § 121), mailed May 25, 2006, has been carefully considered. The Examiner alleges that the Applicants' amendment filed May 18, 2006, is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 121. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the status identifier of claims 9 and 10 should be (Withdrawn-currently amended).

Applicants submit herewith a new set of claims wherein the status identifier of claims 9 and 10 has been changed to "(Withdrawn-currently amended)" to comply with the requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 121. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the amendment be entered prior to the examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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